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In response to the Office Action mailed September 05, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20 line 20 with the following paragraph:

B1
The following procedure was performed in PCR tubes in a thermocycler. An initial mixture was prepared by mixing 25 µg of total *E. coli* RNA to 13.75 µL of 5.0 µM rRNA Reverse Transcriptase (RT) Primer Mix, and adding deionized water (DI H₂O) to a final volume of 30 µL and a concentration of .83 µg/µL of RNA.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20 line 24 with the following paragraph:

B2
The following primers were used to target 16S and 23S RNA (each primer is 5 µM in the RT primer mix):

16S1514 5'-CCTACGGTTACCTTGTT-3'